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ON RESOLUTION "ECLA INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS" TO BE

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1. QUOTE

MR. CHARIMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR WHICH MY DELEGATION IS VOTING AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION. AS MANY OF THE DELEGATES KNOW, THE U.S. DEVEOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME THROUGHOUT THE WEEK IN AN ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE ACCEPTABLE FORMULAS ON THE ISSUE OF COMMITTEES. INDEED WE HAD REACHED AGREEMENTS ON TWO RESOLUTIONS, NAMELY POPULATION AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ONLY TO HAVE THOSE AGREEMENTS DISAPPEAR.

AS THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE CLEAR WHENEVER THE ISSUE OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE WAS DISCUSSED, OUR POSSITION IS THE FOLLOWING: THE US, AS A MEMBER OF CEPAL, HAS THE RIGHT TO MEMBERSHIP ON ANY CEPAL COMMITTEE. THERE ARE SOME ON WHICH WE MIGHT NOT CHOOSE TO SERVE, BUT AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE WE SHOULD NOT

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BE EXCLUDED.

THIS RESOLUTION CONTINUES OUR EXCLUSION FROM A BODY, THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS, WHOSE CREATION WE OPPOSED FOR THAT VERY REASON. THIS RESOLUTION NOW ASSIGNS ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, IN IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE FIELDS, TO THAT COMMITTEE. FURTHERMORE, IT NOT ONLY DEPRIVES THE UNITED STATES OF THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING, BUT ALSO DEPRIVES THE REGIONAL MEMBERS OF THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CAN MAKE. AS AN EXAMPLE, I CITE THE MANY POSSIBILITIES FOR JOINT PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND COLLABORATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW MANY OF THE PURPOSES OF THE RESOLUTION CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE BODY CHARGED WITH IMPLEMENTING THEM. THESE IMPORTANT TASKS ARE AND SHOULD BE THE CONCERN OF ALL CEPAL MEMBERS WORKING TOGETHER, NOT MERELY OF ONE GROUP OF MEMBERS. NOR DO WE SEE MERIT IN CONVERTING WHAT SHOULD BE COOPERATIVE VENTURES INTO ADVERSARY PROCEDURES. THE RESOLUTION ALSO ASKS IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH THE UNITED STATES OPPOSED IN THE CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIALIZATION HELD IN MEXICO CITY LAST NOVEMBER, AND AT THE UNIDO CONFERENCE HELD IN LIMA LAST MONTH. FURTHERMORE, IN PART BECAUSE OF THE HASTE WITH WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS DRAFTED, PARTS OF IT ARE FAR FROM CLEAR; OTHERS SEEM TO US IMPRACTICAL, AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY THOUGHT THROUGH IN THEIR IMPLICATIONS. MY OWN, AND OTHER DELEGATIONS, HAVE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME THIS WEEK ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME ON THIS ISSUE. YOU, MR. CHARIMAN, PLAYED AN ACTIVE PART. OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOME US. HOWEVER, FAR GREATER THAN OUR DIFFERENCES IS THE COMMON STAKE WE HAVE IN THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF CEPAL. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS ARE SO INSURMOUNTABLE THAT THEY CANNOT BE RESOLVED TO MUTUAL SATISFACTION. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO DO SO THIS WEEK IN THE PRESS OF BUSINESS IN THE BIENNIAL SESSION. BUT I THINK THEY COULD BE RESOLVED, WITH ADEQUATE TIME FOR REFLECTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES. ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT, THOUGH BY NO MEANS THE ONLY ONE, WOULD BE THE MECHANISMS CEPAL USES TO CARRY OUT ITS BUSINESS--

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THE STRUCTURE OF SUBSTANTIVE BODIES. I VERY MUCH HOPE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE A CONCERTED LOOK AT THESE QUESTIONS OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

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